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For : Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,791,422  
Patentee : Dah Ben Liang, et al.  
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Patent Issue Date : August 11, 1998  
Title : ROCK BIT WITH HARDFACING MATERIAL  
INCORPORATING SPHERICAL CAST  
CARBIDE PARTICLES

Docket No. : 36912/CM/S61

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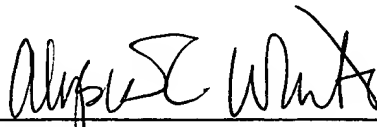
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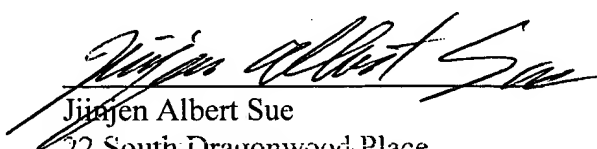
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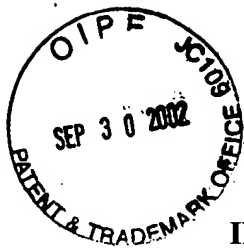
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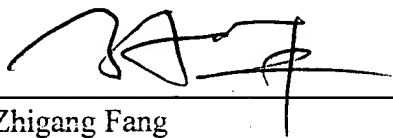
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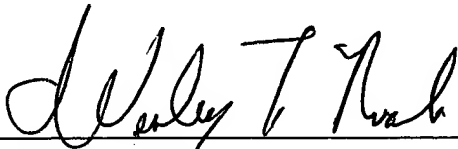
Smith International, Inc., assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,791,422, entitled ROCK BIT WITH HARDFACING MATERIAL INCORPORATING SPHERICAL CAST CARBIDE PARTICLES, issued August 11, 1998, hereby consents to the Application for Reissue of this patent for the same invention on the accompanying specification and claims.

Smith International, Inc. hereby offers to surrender the original Letters Patent No. 5,791,422.

The undersigned is empowered to sign on behalf of the Assignee.

SMITH INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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